

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 595 - HB 658**

March 2, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Bureau of TennCare to provide the emergency medical services that are available to illegal aliens to all residents of the state.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$32,090,100**

##### Assumptions:

- The TennCare emergency room utilization rate is 756 ER visits per 1,000 enrollees at an average of \$350 per visit. The non-TennCare population will have a similar utilization rate.
- The Bureau of TennCare estimates that 20%, or 114,359, of the total population between the ages of 19 to 64 and fall within the 15.9% poverty rate will be provided ER services under this legislation.
- The increase to state expenditures is estimated to be \$30,259,391.40 (114,359 X .756 X \$350).
- The Department will need to make modifications to the ACCENT system to determine eligibility of applicants for the services. Such modifications are estimated to increase state expenditures by \$1,830,700 for analysis, programming, designing, testing and equipment.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director